Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you. There are so many people that make this school great. Isaac Newton once said about his understanding of the universe “I stand on the shoulders of giants”. I feel that I do this every day as the Principal of Bluewater State School.

The teachers are here for the right reason, to make a difference to every child in every class. Mrs Preston who ensures that the teachers are supported and well prepared, our support staff who make learning fun, engaging and supporting the teachers, our extraordinary teacher aides and office staff who make every interaction with students and parents warm and friendly, Col, Steve, Shirley and Janette who work hard to prepare the grounds and classrooms and ensure that it is an inviting environment to learn, the P & C who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the school is well supported with resources and the tuckshop, Miss Somerville the best deputy in Queensland, the parents and volunteers who support the school day after day with the great messages in the community and of course the most important people - the students, they make the world go round. Thank you to everyone who is involved in the school and who make it a great place to be.

We will be saying farewell to Ms Cook at the end of the year. Ms Cook will be heading to Mackay and starting a life with her partner. Ms Cook has been with the school for 7 years and will be sorely missed. Ms Cook is also a budding author and hopefully one day we will see her novels on the best sellers list, fingers crossed. We will lose a great singing voice, which will be sorely missed at Bluewater, especially on parades. Thank you Kathryn.

We will also be saying goodbye to Chappy Drew. Chappy Drew was the first Chappy at Bluewater State School and has ensured that the presence of the Chappy will continue. We are currently interviewing for a suitable replacement. I want to thank Drew for his patience, commitment and guidance not only for the students but for families and staff. He will also be sorely missed and will leave a large footprint for the next person to fill.
I am currently interviewing for a Defence School Transition Aide, who will start in 2016. The person will have a similar role to the Chappy, specifically helping defence families. This will be another person in the school that will provide excellent pastoral care.

The 2016 Booklists have been sent home with your child today. This list is also available on our school website. Please try your best to ensure your children have all their required stationery and equipment on the first day as time is aside on that day to sort these items.

Last night I was invited to the Rollingstone Lions Club on behalf of the school and the P & C. The Rollingstone Lions Club have helped with the Country Fair every year and this year they presented the P&C with a $1200 cheque from their food stall. They will be back at the Christmas Concert on Wednesday 9 December to provide food.

We will also say goodbye to the year 6 students this year. I am very proud of the way in which they have continued to set and achieve goals in their learning. On behalf of all the teachers who have taught them over the last 7 years, we wish them good luck and all the best for their next adventure in their lives.

I hope that you all have a great and safe holiday, enjoy Christmas and the New Year festivities. School will finish on Friday December 11 and will resume on Wednesday January 27.

Regards
Chris

Christmas Concert
Our annual School Christmas Concert including presentation of awards, graduation certificates and the announcement of our 2016 school leaders will be held at the school on Wednesday 9th December
5pm: The Rollingstone Lions Club will be selling drinks, hotdogs, sausages and steak sandwiches
6pm: Concert commences
Please bring chairs and/or picnic rugs

Patches of Bluewater Craft Group
Meet every Thursday at Bluewater Community Centre
9am to 1pm
New people are welcome
For more information, contact Shannon Stanford on 4788 6465
Patches of Bluewater are proud sponsors of 3 x $100 Encouragement Vouchers presented at the 2015 Bluewater State School Christmas Concert

on the calendar
November:
30th Yr 1,2 Swimming starts
December:
2nd High School Transition Day
7th Voting - Leadership positions
9th Christmas Concert Report Cards issued
10th Year 6 Graduation Day All Class Parties
11th Last day of Term 4
January:
27th First day Term 1 2016

SWIM LESSONS
Years 1 and 2
SWIMMING COMMENCES THIS MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER
Don’t forget your:
✓ Swimming togs
✓ Sun Safe swim shirt
✓ Towel
✓ Sunscreen
✓ Named waterproof swimming bag.
✓ Children with long hair—swimming cap or sufficient hair ties
Optional: Goggles
Tuckshop will be available. Please mark the lunch bags “Swimming”
A note from Chappy Drew:

The weather has certainly warmed up over the past few weeks and it was beautiful seeing the heavy downpour last Tuesday. There were puddles all over the soccer pitches and wet-weather play was announced for first break. By 2nd break however, it was soccer as usual with hardly any sign of the heavy downpour just a few hours earlier. We certainly need lots more rain.

Last weekend my wife and I drove to Mareeba and couldn’t believe how lush and green the hills of Atherton Tablelands were. It looked like the Tassie countryside during winter...except it was nice and warm 😊.

After School Youth:
ASY has enjoyed having eight yr3 students join in for the final six weeks of the school year. It provides a transition for next year when they move up to year 4 and become eligible to join with next year’s 5’s and 6’s.

Next Wednesday, 2nd December, will be the End-of-Term ‘Parents Vs ASY’ soccer match; followed by a sausage sizzle...during which we will farewell our year 6 students graduating from ASY.

I didn’t talk much as a child.
But I certainly did a lot of thinking.

Take Care, and happy thoughts!
Chappy Drew

Acts of Random Kindness Awards
Sponsored by Red Rooster Deeragun

Adrian C
Caleb G

Thank you again Red Rooster Deeragun
Now offering breakfast from 7am everyday

A note from the Dental Van

With many unplanned interruptions we have almost completed the dental examinations of the children who have returned consent forms.

Very shortly letters will be sent home if it is recommended that your child is requiring a further dental visit with an offer to contact us for an appointment. Our service will be available over the school holiday period (either here at the school or at our dental clinic in Kirwan) to enable all children to be accommodated for follow-up dental care.

If your child does not require a follow-up visit this will also be explained in a letter sent to the home address.

We thank you for your patience this year! There has been a significant amount of follow-up care recommended to date and I am happy to invest valuable time with each family on Oral Health education at the appointments to help remedy this situation for the future. Dental decay is the most common chronic disease the nation faces and easily preventable!

As the school year closes and family routines happily are thrown to the wind for a few weeks, don’t forget to still help your young ones with their brushing AND flossing! 😊

Regards,
Cathy Boyce and the Dental Van team

RECYCLE YOUR OLD BATTERIES AND HELP OUR SCHOOL
BE IN THE RUNNING FOR $1,000!

Bring in any old small batteries to the purple wheelee bin behind the admin building. Car batteries can also be bought to the school—please leave near industrial bin in the Kindy carpark. Alternatively, they can be dropped off at any Battery World, but remember to say you’re from Bluewater School.

Playgroup meets at Bluewater State School
the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month
(during school term) 9.00am - 11.00am

Cost $3.00 per session
Bring along a healthy plate of food to share.
Come along & have some fun with your child and meet new people in the area.
All welcome